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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At about 7 p.m. on 13 March 1953, 4 T-34/85 tanks, 1 JS tank, 1 SP gun, which \_\_\_\_\_ was a SU-100 gun \_\_\_\_\_ and about 200 troops, were entrained in Wittenberg. The unit had come from the Flak Kaserne. Truck \_\_\_\_\_ was seen hauling ammunition to the station. \_\_\_\_\_ additional trains were loaded as trains consisting of empty flatcars with sideracks were at the station.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. On 14 March, about 100 to 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia; 6 JS-1 or JS-2 tanks; \_\_\_\_\_ and 6 trucks were detrained at the Schorckau railroad station. The shipment had arrived from the direction of Strassgraben-Senftenberg.<sup>2</sup> 25X1
3. At about 11 p.m. on 11 March, 30 heavy tanks and an undetermined number of trucks, \_\_\_\_\_ passed through Eisenach, coming from the Hohe Sonne, south of Eisenach, and proceeding toward Creuzburg.<sup>3</sup> 25X1
4. From 28 February to 7 March, an exercise, in which the units stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne and the Koenigs Georg Kaserne and \_\_\_\_\_ other units from various military posts participated, took place in the area between Plauen and the border. During the exercise, the barracks installations were occupied by troops almost every night. On 7 March, the troops units definitely returned to the installations. On 3 March, a column of about 25 trucks occupied by each 15 troops and including 10 trucks towing 76.2-mm AT guns, and 3 field kitchens was seen in Plauen en route toward Pausa. \_\_\_\_\_ On 5 March, an undetermined number of trucks occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mounting AA machine guns \_\_\_\_\_ entered the Hindenburg Kaserne in Plauen, coming via Kauschwitz-Zwoschwitz from the direction of Syrau. Between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. on 7 March, about 220 motor vehicles, including trucks, sedans, jeeps and field kitchens were seen entering the Hindenburg Kaserne, coming from an exercise. The trucks included some towing 76.2-mm AT guns, 80-mm mortars or 37-mm AA guns and some occupied by troops, 25X1

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most of whom wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and the others red-bordered black epaulets.

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5. On 2 March, an undetermined number of trucks towing 37-mm AA guns, [redacted] and coming from the Zuckertusch Kaserne were entrained in Magdeburg.<sup>5</sup>

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6. During the night of 1 March, the bulk of the units stationed in Cottbus returned to the post by road. On 2 March, the barracks installations in Cottbus were reoccupied to capacity. On 2 March, a column of trucks [redacted] each towing a trailer loaded with a motorboat, and 10 other trucks occupied by troops was seen entering the Sachsendorf Kaserne.<sup>6</sup>

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1. Comment. [redacted] a tank firing detail of the 78th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div which, however, is stationed in the Peseler Kaserne, was entrained, presumably for Jueterbog. Other loadings took place on 16 and 17 March.

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2. Comment. [redacted] a tank firing detail of the 8th Gds Mecz Div from Mursen or Gritza was detrained.

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3. [redacted] 25X1

4. Comment. [redacted] the following units participated in the exercise between Plauen and the zonal border from 28 February to 7 March: the 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 87th Gun Arty Regt, both of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Plauen; and elements of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds Army stationed in Glauchau. [redacted] It is possible that the units mentioned in paragraph 3 are identical with the units mentioned above. They, subsequently, may have participated in an exercise toward the Kindel troop training grounds. Especially the service color of a rifle regiment and the heavy tanks mentioned in the reference report, allow this assumption. [redacted]

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5. Comment. The units entrained belonged to the 3d Gds AAA Div, which, however, are stationed in the Blak Kaserne. [redacted]

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[redacted] The train mentioned in paragraph 5 may have gone to Mustraw.

6. Comment. The completion of the exercise of the 9th Mecz Div, which took place in the Faruth-Jueterbog area between 25 February and 1 March, was repeatedly confirmed. [redacted]

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